



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 - 2. (Cancelled)

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3. (Previously presented) A composition which is an aqueous, energy curable, homogenous, solution comprising the neutralization product of

- (a) a styrene/maleic anhydride copolymer, partially esterified with a hydroxy alkyl acrylate or methacrylate functional group, wherein the partially esterified styrene/maleic anhydride copolymer is further esterified with an alcohol group, and
- (b) an ethylenically unsaturated amine; in
- (c) more than 10% but less than 30% by weight of water;

where upon curing with an actinic radiation source, a stereo-crosslinked ionomer forms offering the composition an increased cross-linked density.

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) The composition of claim [[1]] 3, wherein the neutralizing agent is an ethylenically unsaturated tertiary amine.

6. (currently amended) The composition according to claim [[1]] 3, wherein the ethylenically unsaturated resin has an acid number of at least 80 and a weight average molecular weight between 1,000 and 50,000.

7. (original) The composition according to claim 6, wherein the ethylenically unsaturated resin has an acid number of at least 80 and a weight average molecular weight between 1,000 and 25,000.